

University Senate
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Establishment of Senate Committee to Serve as Faculty of Record for the Honors Program

Prior to 2005: Faculty who taught in the Honors Program had a split appointment between Honors and their home departments. Therefore, there was a clear body of faculty to be responsible for the Honors curriculum, etc.

Since 2005: The Honors Program instituted “tracks”, and faculty who were teaching Honors courses no longer had a split appointment – the only appointment was the academic department. Therefore, there is no longer a clear Honors Program faculty.

There are a variety of ideas about how to revise and expand the Honors Program. However, there is no formal body of Honors Program faculty, and only the faculty responsible for the program can propose changes to the curriculum.

At the Senate Council meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011, the SC unanimously approved a motion to create a body to serve as the Honors Program faculty.

Move that the Senate create a committee to serve as the faculty of record for the Honors Program, appointed by the Senate Council in consultation with the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education. This Committee will be composed of 10 faculty broadly representative of the undergraduate colleges; the Committee will report to the Director of Honors, to whom it shall transmit its recommendations for consideration by the Undergraduate Council.

Recommendation: that the Senate create an Honors Program Committee, appointed by the Senate Council in consultation with the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, to act as the faculty of record for all Honors curriculum. This Committee will be composed of 10 faculty broadly representative of the undergraduate colleges; the Committee will report to the Director of Honors, to whom it shall transmit its recommendations for consideration by the Undergraduate Council.